

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a first fiber bundle formed of a plurality of substantially parallel laid fibers, said fibers being oriented substantially normal to a cross section of said fiber bundle, at least about 5% of the plurality of fibers comprising fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10 g/Denier, the fiber bundle being constructed such that upon exposure to a fabric dye, the fiber bundle is dyed to an essentially visually uniform color density.

Claims 2-6 (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The article as in claim 1, wherein the at least about 5% of the plurality of fibers comprising fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10 g/Denier are formed of a material selected from the group consisting of: para-aramids; liquid crystal polyesters; ultra-high molecular weight polyethylenes; and poly(p-phenylene-2,6-benzobisoxazole) (PBO).

Claims 9-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Amended) The article as in claim 1, wherein at least one fiber of the plurality has a tensile breaking strength of less than about 10 g/Denier and said fiber is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of: polyamides; cellulosic materials; polyesters; acrylic polymers; and polyolefins.

18. (Original) The article as in claim 1, wherein the fabric dye is selected from the group consisting of: cationic dyes; anionic dyes; and polyester dyes.

19. (Original) The article as in claim 1, wherein the fiber bundle is formed of a plurality of spun staple fibers.

20. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein the fiber bundle is formed by a Cotton System spinning process and the length of the staple fibers does not exceed about 2 inches.

21. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein the fiber bundle is formed by a Worsted System spinning process and the length of the staple fibers exceeds about 2 inches.

22. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein the fiber bundle has a primary twist multiplier of at least about 2.7.

Claims 23-27 (Cancelled)

28. (Original) The article as in claim 19, wherein any given cross-section of the fiber bundle along its length includes therein between about 60 and about 100 fibers.

29. (Original) The article as in claim 1, wherein the fabric dye and essentially visually uniform color density of the dyed fiber bundle are lighter in color than the undyed color of at least one fiber of the plurality of fibers comprising fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10 g/Denier.

Claims 30-34 (Withdrawn)

35. (Original) A woven fabric at least partly formed of the fiber bundle as recited in claim 1.

36. (Original) An article of apparel at least partly formed of the woven fabric as recited in claim 35.

37. (Original) The article of apparel as in claim 36, wherein the article of apparel is selected from the group consisting of: gloves; aprons; chaps; pants; boots; gators; shirts; jackets; coats; socks; shoes; undergarments; vests; waders; hats; and gauntlets.

38. (Previously Amended) A method comprising the step of:

dyeing a fiber bundle formed of a plurality of substantially parallel laid fibers, said fibers being oriented substantially normal to a cross section of said fiber bundle, at least about 5% of the plurality of fibers comprising high tenacity fibers having a tensile breaking strength of at least about 10g/Denier, with a fabric dye to form a dyed fiber bundle having an essentially visually uniform dye color density.

39. (Withdrawn)

Claims 40-43 (Canceled)

Claims 44-47 (Withdrawn)

Claims 48-56 (Canceled)

57. (Withdrawn)

Claims 58-61 (Canceled)

62. (Withdrawn)

Claims 63-66 (Canceled)

Claims 67-78 (Withdrawn)